

ESTATE OF MARIA GIBSON.

JANUARY 19, 1897.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. LESTER, from the Committee on War Claims, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany House Res. No. 496.]

The Committee on War Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 9086) entitled "A bill for the relief of the estate of Maria Gibson, deceased," beg leave to submit the following report:

This is a claim for stores and supplies taken or furnished to the Army of the United States during the late war, and was referred by the Committee on War Claims of a previous Congress to the Court of Claims for determination under the terms of the Bowman Act.

Much testimony was taken and submitted to the court pursuant to its rules, but no determination of facts as to the appropriation of the stores and supplies by the Federal forces as alleged was made by said court, for the reason that the court held that the single action of the House committee in referring said claim was not sufficient to confer jurisdiction upon it to hear and determine those questions under said act of March 3, 1883.

Your committee have fully considered the facts in the claim, and upon this consideration, and it being manifest that the claimant has proceeded in entire good faith before the Court of Claims, and at considerable expense in taking testimony, they recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution, transmitting said claim to the Court of Claims to find and report the facts in the case as provided in the act of March 3, 1887, and generally known as the Tucker Act.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the bill (H. R. 9086) for the relief of the estate of Maria Gibson, deceased, with all the accompanying papers, be, and the same is hereby, referred to the Court of Claims for a finding of facts under the terms of the act of March third, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, and generally known as the Tucker Act.

